

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 40-41 with the following amended paragraph.

As specific examples of a solvent (solvent for dissolving the monomers, metathesis catalyst and molecular weight modifier) used in the ring-opening polymerization reaction, may be mentioned alkanes such as pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, nonane and decane; cycloalkanes such as cyclohexane, cyclopentane, cyclooctane, decalin and norbornene; aromatic hydrocarbons such as benzene, toluene, xylene, ethylbenzene and cumene; halogenated alkanes such as chlorobutane, bromohexane, methylene chloride, dichloroethane, hexamethylene dibromide, ~~dibromide~~, chlorobenzene, chloroform and tetrachloroethylene; aryl compounds; saturated carboxylic acid esters such as ethyl acetate, n-butyl acetate, isobutyl acetate, methyl propionate and dimethoxyethane; and ethers such as dibutyl ether, tetrahydrofuran and dimethoxyethane. These solvents may be used either singly or in any combination thereof. Among these, the aromatic hydrocarbons are preferred.

Please replace the Abstract on pages 65-66 with the following replacement Abstract.

The disclosure is directed to a partially hydrogenated ring-opened polynorbornene and a process for making the same. The ring-opened polynorbornene is low in birefringence, high in wavelength dependency about birefringence and excellent in transparency and heat resistance.